(c) whether the Mishra Committee has also recommended certain pay scales and other incidental matters as additional dearness allowance for employees working in public sector undertakings of the Central Government;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(e) by when the recommendations as of (b) and (d) above are likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d). The High Power pay Committee which was headed by Mr. Justice R.B. Mishra has recommended scales of pay both for the unionised staff and the executive cadre of the public enterprises which follow Government DA pattern. The Committee has recommended that these employees may be paid dearness allowance as per the 4th Pay Commission Government DA formula. The Committee has also recommended rationalisation of perquisites like conveyance allowance, encashment of leave etc. Recommendations of the Committee are not applicable to the employees working in enterprises which follow the industrial DA pattern.

(e) The Tripartite DA Committee has not yet completed its work and is, therefore, yet to frame its recommendations. The recommendations made by the HPPC are being examined by the Government and it will take some time before appropriate decisions on them are taken.

Prices of ORS

658. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that current sale prices of ORS are 8 to 10 times the ex-factory cost;

(b) whether the price difference between the leading producer and other producer of ORS is 2 to 5 times;

(c) what steps have been taken to study the cost structure of ORS and bring down their sale prices; and

(d) what are the names of bulk drugs and formulations, the prices of which have been brought down on the basis of monitoring during the last six months?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO) (a) to (c). As per Drugs (Prices Control) amendment Order 1989, ORS have been price decontrolled. As per DPCO, 1987, the manufacturers of decontrolled drugs are free to revise the prices. However, Government is keeping a watch and intervenes wherever found necessary.

(d) The required details to the extent available are given at annexure. [*See* Appendix CXLIX, Annexure No. 32].

Non-Transfer of the Officers in the Department of Chemicals and Petro-chemicals

659. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of the officers of the rank of Under Secretary and above in the Department of Chemicals and Petro-chemicals who are working in the same division for 4 years or more;

(b) what are the reasons for which their rotational transfers have not been made and what is the policy regarding rotational transfers; and

(c) whether Government are aware that this has lead to corruption and inefficiency in the Department?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) to (c). The Department of Chemicals and Petro-chemicals was constituted less than 4 years ago. Therefore, the question of any general rotational transfer is premature at this stage.